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Strange bedfellows prep for 'big fight' with Perry on Hill

Hannah Northey and Geof Koss, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-10-12 06:40:43

A growing list of powerful lobbying groups — from big oil and gas to wind and solar — is spoiling for a “big fight” on Capitol Hill as Energy Secretary Rick Perry arrives today to defend his proposal to boost coal and nuclear. Almost a dozen large groups huddled last week, an alliance of strange bedfellows usually at opposite ends of the energy spectrum, to share notes and talk future action as Perry’s request moves quickly to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for action.

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FERC refuses to extend comment period on grid rule

Sam Mintz, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-10-12 06:41:07

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rejected a request by a coalition of energy trade groups to extend the comment period for its rulemaking on electric grid resilience. Its decision affirmed that FERC will work with the compressed timeline proposed for the rulemaking by the Department of Energy. [[read more ...](#)]

Unlikely Allies Fight Trump Backing of Coal, Nuclear Energy

By Matthew Daly, Associated Press • • Posted 2017-10-12 06:41:37

The Trump administration says coal is back and nuclear energy is cool. Not at the expense of natural gas, wind and solar, insists an unusual coalition of business and environmental groups. Dow Chemical, Koch Industries and U.S. Steel Corp. are standing with environmentalists in opposing an Energy Department plan that would reward nuclear and coal-fired power plants for adding reliability to the nation’s power grid and are pressuring the administration to shift course. [[read more ...](#)]

Explaining Perry’s grid directive, for dummies

Benjamin Storrow, E&E New • • Posted 2017-10-12 06:41:55

Energy Secretary Rick Perry's plan to pay coal and nuclear plants to maintain large stockpiles of fuel has been called, alternatively, a grenade, "the single greatest action that has been taken in decades" and "the squirrel plan." The bellicose language hints at the stakes. Perry's plan has the potential to reshape electricity markets, provide the coal industry a jolt and hamper U.S. climate efforts. But you could be forgiven for missing that. The plan is filled with jargon. Cost-of-service regulation versus restructured markets, anyone? [[read more ...](#)]

Editorial: Phase out, don't cancel, wind, solar tax credits

By Editorial Board, Lincoln Journal Star • • Posted 2017-10-12 06:42:26

Wind power, in particular, has swept through Nebraska in that time, with 744 turbines producing 1,328 megawatts produced per year, according to the American Wind Energy Association. Though the state ranks 18th in installed wind capacity, hundreds more turbines are being developed and proposed here. Cutting the tax incentives early would no doubt hamper the ability of Nebraska and the U.S. as a whole to produce clean energy — and create an imbalance in the energy industry, in light of incentive programs for harnessing coal and natural gas. [[read more ...](#)]

Bloomberg puts up another \$64M for 'war on coal'

Dylan Brown, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-10-12 06:42:48

Billionaire businessman and environmental activist Michael Bloomberg pledged another \$64 million today to preserve what he called the "war on coal" that President Trump has declared "over." The former New York City mayor renewed his commitment to the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign. And this time around, he topped the \$50 million he gave the group in 2011 to help boost its crusade. [[read more ...](#)]

Religious leaders condemn Trump repeal

Arianna Skibell, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-10-12 06:43:12

A group of religious leaders today denounced the Trump administration's decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan, President Obama's signature climate regulation to curb greenhouse gas emissions linked to global warming. Among the group were leaders from the Catholic, Protestant, evangelical, Jewish and Quaker traditions, all of whom see care of creation and protection of vulnerable communities as fundamental responsibilities, they said. [[read more ...](#)]

Massachusetts committed to Obama-era Clean Power Plan

By The Associated Press • • Posted 2017-10-12 06:43:30

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker says his administration is committed to an Obama-era effort to limit carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants. The Republican's comments come a day after Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said he'll issue new rules overriding the Clean Power Plan, the centerpiece of President Barack Obama's drive to curb global climate change. [[read more ...](#)]

Clean Power Plan is doomed. What about its sister rule?

U.S. EPA has announced with great fanfare that it plans to kill the Clean Power Plan, but another major climate rule for power plants is still on the books. The Obama administration's rule limiting greenhouse gas emissions from new and modified coal and natural-gas-fired power plants has largely remained unnoticed as attention has focused on the Clean Power Plan regulations aimed at controlling emissions from existing power plants. [[read more ...](#)]

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